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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Eleanor J. Atchley** (NA60013448) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Diana M. Bjork** (NA60140068) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis.

In September 2010 the Counselor Program granted the application of agency affiliated counselor **Kelli E. Keyes** (CG60176214) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In September 2010 the Board of Pharmacy terminated the order of probation against pharmacist **James E. McConkey** (PH00056030).

Grant County

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Long-Anderson (NC10099516) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of possessing stolen property — access device.

King County

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Lynn M. Friend** (LP00043643) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly left her place of employment without transferring care to other nurse personnel in her absence so medications weren't administered to her patients during this time.

In September 2010 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the license of pharmacist **Eric A. Holt** (PH00011532) and placed conditions against his license. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the credentials of **Karolyn K.** Lee (HC00141120, HC00150064).

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Joshua L. Palmer** (CO60153206) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of burglary on more than one occasion, vehicle prowling, taking a motor vehicle without permission, criminal trespass, malicious mischief, violation of domestic violence order on more than one occasion, attempting to elude, possession of stolen property, assault — domestic violence, and violation of a court order — domestic violence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Amy E. Peterson** (NA60166582) and placed her registration on probation for five years. She was convicted of driving under the influence and later entered into a deferred prosecution for later charges of driving under the influence and hit and run unattended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In September 2010 the Health Care Assistant and X-Ray Technician Programs terminated the order of probation against **Michael John Prado** (HC00153509, XT00006731).

In September 2010 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Paul S. Rotwein** (DE00007883) and placed conditions against his license. His care fell below the standard while caring for two patients. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program released **Victor N. Shornal** (HC00133791) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Phillip B. Sims** (CO60153072) and placed his registration on probation. He was convicted of theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

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In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the application of emergency medical technician **Alexander N. Sneed** (ES60132795) and placed his license on probation for one year. He was convicted of malicious mischief on more than one occasion, theft, and criminal trespass. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Amy L. Ward** (NC60040841).

Pierce County

In September 2010 the Board of Hearing and Speech granted the application of hearing instrument fitter/dispenser **Charles Ray Centers** (HA60125732) and placed conditions against his license. In 1999 his license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in Utah was revoked.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Patricia Jane Downs** (NC10046825) on probation for one year. She allegedly failed to provide perineal care to a patient in a timely fashion after the patient was incontinent. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In September 2010 the Massage Program charged **Chelsea C. Houser** (MA60002490) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jack Allen Wesson** (CO60173883). In October 2009 his registration to practice as a counselor was placed on probation.

Pend Oreille County

In September 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **James Gary Cool** (DE00005239) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Skagit County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant and Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Programs charged **Chad Martin Glaze** (NA60140089, ES00005633) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly contacted and entered into a sexual relationship with a patient as soon as she left the facility where he provided care to her.

Snohomish County

In September 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Janine M. Tafari** (HC60005639) and placed conditions against her license. In September 2005 her license to practice as a midwife was indefinitely suspended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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Spokane County

In September 2010 the Dental Commission reinstated the license of dentist **James A. Carnell** (DE00006847) and placed his license on probation for five years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In September 2010 the Dental Commission terminated the order of probation against dentist **William M. Petersen** (DE00003491).

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Patricia Jo Terry** (NA60093861).

Thurston County

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse **Sherri A. Boseski** (RN60118736). She was convicted of two counts of assault.

Yakima County

In September 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Kenneth D. Braconnier, Sr.** (CP60145197) and placed conditions against his license. In July 2010 he was granted a credential to practice as a chemical dependency professional trainee subject to terms and conditions.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Rebecca L. Van Guse** (NC10090627) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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